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COMMUTE

FROM TORONTO TO NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE IN EIGHT MINUTES

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Torontonians are used to trains and automobiles for their daily commute, but Niagara Region is suggesting planes be added to the mix.

Alan Caslin, chairman of Niagara regional council, is pitching an eight-minute commuter flight from Niagara District Airport in Niagara-on-the-Lake to Toronto's Billy Bishop.

"I'm sure lots of communities would love to host a small commuter service," he said.

"The twist for us here is that we're 30 miles across the lake from Toronto Island."

So far, however, the idea hasn't taken flight with Porter Airlines.

Caslin recently met with representatives from Porter to discuss making the Niagara airport into an overnight parking and service spot, with an added commuter flight. Porter flights are currently serviced in Sudbury.

Brad Cicero, a spokesman for the airline, confirmed the meeting with Caslin, but said there are no plans to move forward at this point. "We talk to airports all the time," he said. "We've spoken to them and it's likely that we will again if they come up with some more data and information to share."

It takes anywhere from 90 minutes to upwards of two hours to drive from Toronto to Niagara, depending on traffic.

If it ever arrives, the eight-minute service could also be used for more leisurely pursuits, Caslin said.

"Picture yourself coming down for an afternoon in the vineyards," he said.

IS THIS A THING?

While not common in North America, flight commuting is already off the ground in Europe. The Guardian has reported on people taking advantage of Barcelona's cheaper real estate market, and flying to London for work.

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Solid gold, jewel-encrusted eagle worth $5 million stolen in robbery in Vancouver suburb.

How to close the gap in the internship experience

POST-SECONDARY

Guidelines aim to get students away from fetching coffee

May Warren
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When she was a student, Ashley Stirling completed an internship that stands out for how unmemorable it was.

"It was a bird course, you just sort of volunteered anywhere, plugged in a certain amount of hours and got your credit for it," she remembers.

Now a professor of kinesiology at the University of Toronto, Stirling has created a comprehensive set of guidelines for internships that she hopes will help other students avoid the same experience.

The 192-page document is aimed at universities and colleges co-ordinating internships but can also be used by employers. It's fuelled by recent headlines about internships gone wrong, like students forced to clean bathrooms at restaurants.

"People kind of think students as free labour sometimes," said Stirling.

Nearly 100 internship co-ordinators have signed up for a workshop on the guidelines in early June, she said.

Gretchen Kerr, acting dean of the faculty of kinesiology and physical education at UofT, said it's the first resource of its kind in Canada.

"People really lacked any kind of framework or guidelines to design these things," she said.

"They just kind of hoped that if they sent students out they would learn what we wanted them to learn."

Ella Aquilla, a 21-year-old student at UofT, enjoyed her two work-study placements, but has heard horror stories.

"A lot of my friends who have had bad placement experiences, it was that the program was advertised as different that what it was," she said.

"I think that gap needs to be closed."

Dos and Don'ts for better internships, according to Stirling's guidelines

DO
The path to a great experience

- Structure the internship and develop a plan for what the student will learn.
- Give students a chance to help shape their experience and opportunities to reflect.
- Give students challenges; let them take appropriate risks and try new things.
- Make room for different learning styles and consider health and safety.
- Give students feedback as they go.

DON'T
The path to a disastrous experience

- Don't assume learning is inevitable and think that by being in the office students will learn through osmosis.
- Don't apply a one size fits all approach and assume every student is the same.
- Don't only give them mundane tasks like filing, and fetching coffee.
- Don't throw interns in without proper health and safety training.
- Don't leave them in the dark about how they're doing, or wait until the end to tell them things aren't going well.

POLICE THEFTS

Nicked from the pros

Not even the bowels of a police station are safe from the light-fingered hands of thieves.

A pair of black Lululemon pants, a bike with a child seat, and a $900 Nikon digital camera and $600 zoom lens were among more than $16,000 in loot reported stolen from Toronto police stations over the last five years. There were 46 thefts reported over that period. They weren't all personal items; the list also includes a bulletproof vest, a gas mask and building materials for a new police station.

A description of the stolen items and incident reports were obtained by Torstar News Service under the Access to Information Act. They included:

A manila envelope containing more than $2,500 in cash for police gym memberships.

An Xbox ($226) with the video game NBA 2K10 ($31). Police had bought two of the game consoles for a media night at a local community centre.

A bike and assorted gear (price tag: $790) taken from an underground parking garage.

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Refugees still waiting for care

PUBLIC HEALTH

Families need dental work amid volunteer dentist shortage

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Toronto's Syrian refugees have finally found homes, but health officials say many are still in need of basic medical and dental care.

Toronto Public Health presented a report to the city's board of health Monday, detailing services it's been providing to hundreds of government-sponsored Syrians living in six temporary shelters.

Now that most of the families have found permanent housing, those shelters are set to close at the end of the month.

However, that means refugees may no longer have access to Toronto Public Health services like vaccinations, infection prevention services and dental checkups.

Dental care is one of many health issues that will require ongoing monitoring for refugees, said Paul Caulford, lead physician at the Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigrant Healthcare in Scarborough.

"I didn't see one Syrian refugee who didn't need a dentist urgently," he said.

"Kids were in pain. You look at them and want to start hauling out their teeth, but there's no repair or restoration services."

The problem has been aggravated by the shortage of volunteer dentists, Caulford said, many of whom are already overbooked and can't spare time for refugees. Those Syrians who have registered for dental care have to wait "four to six weeks" as a result.

Aside from dental care, Caulford said many refugees are in need of respiratory health care, natal care and mental health services.

Many refugees, especially children, display signs of anxiety, depression and trauma, he said.

Toronto Public Health plans to continue to support refugees through city divisions such as COSTI, the Toronto Refugee Health Network and the Toronto Newcomer Office.

However, Caulford worries the standard of care may not be the same as what was provided in the temporary shelters.

"It's very hard as a healthcare provider to see how desperate these families are," he said.

Syrian refugees have been receiving health care from a variety of sources since arriving in Toronto, including makeshift clinics set up in hotels. Many are still in need of medical support, even as formal services are being scaled back. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

4,000

Doses of vaccine administered to Syrian newcomers.

2,250

Privately-sponsored refugees who arrived in Toronto between January and May.

1,820

Government-assisted Syrian refugees who settled in Toronto via six temporary housing sites.

590

Syrian newcomers screened for dental health — 200 of whom were referred to surgery clinics for urgent conditions.

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Few threats in hide Park

CAPYBARA CHASE

Roving rodents can make it on their own, says leading expert

May Warren
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Toronto's animal Bonnie and Clyde could make it on their own until winter, says one of the world's foremost capybara experts.

"They're probably doing all right," said Rexford D. Lord, a retired ecologist who has herded capybaras on ranches across South America.

"Until the first frost, and then they'll start to suffer."

Lord figures the giant rodents, who escaped from High Park Zoo last week triggering an ongoing citywide search, will "probably just eat grass and stay away from people and dogs."

He said the duo could mate while on the loose but doubts the young juveniles — a male and female — escaped for a romantic interlude.

Willow, the capybara enlisted to help find those on the lam, makes a different sort of find at High Park Zoo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"If they get the urge, they will," he said, "wherever and whenever they feel like it."

Officials are hopeful the capybaras are still somewhere in the park, city parks spokeswoman Megan Price said Monday. The search team to find them reached 30 people.

"For the most part staff have returned to regular duties but they have been instructed to keep an eye out," she wrote in an email. "We have two staff who are dedicated to searching the park."

> **They're not going to succumb to a red fox.**
> Rexford D. Lord

Price said they have received hundreds of tips from the public, but only follow up on "credible" ones, usually within High Park. They have not decided when to give up the search.

When the animals are spotted, Lord recommended getting someone who has herded cattle to lure them into a waiting truck.

"They'll be happy back in the zoo," he said. "But keep the door shut, for crying out loud."

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Pizza lovers lose a big slice of history

The Big Slice, a beloved downtown late-night pizza joint, closed its Yonge St. location on Monday to make room for two condo towers.

But the store's downtown outlet will be reopening within "a couple of weeks," according to manager Sammy Chaudry.

"Actually, we're supposed to be out of this location by the end of the month," Chaudry said, adding that they're looking at two possibilities right now, and will make a decision by the end of next week.

Two condo towers — 62 and 73 storeys high respectively — are being planned for the southeast corner of Yonge St. and Gerrard St. E, according to spokesperson Mark Garner of the Downtown Yonge St. Business Improvement Area.

Fans of the pizzeria, long known as a popular haunt for university students and night owls, expressed their disappointment about the closure online.

The Big Slice's second location, on St. Clair Ave. W., remains open.

Chaudry wouldn't say where the two new possible locations are, but he did say that they'd ideally be close to the Big Slice's (now closed) original location near Yonge and Gerrard.

Joe Luciano at iconic eatery The Big Slice back in 1986.
MIKE SLAUGHTER/TORONTO STAR

"We want to stay in (a) closeby location because we have a lot of customers here," Chaudry said.

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Kathleen Wynne.
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FIRST NATIONS

Wynne issues apology

Premier Kathleen Wynne offered a formal apology Monday on behalf of the Ontario government to First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities for the "brutalities" suffered at residential schools.

"I apologize for the polices and practices supported by past Ontario governments and for the harm they caused," she told the legislature as indigenous leaders and residential school survivors looked on.

"I apologize for the province's silence in the face of abuses and deaths at residential schools. And I apologize for the fact that the residential schools are only one example of systemic, intergenerational injustices inflicted upon indigenous communities throughout Canada."

The apology was part of the province's reaction to the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which found that children were physically and sexually abused and died in numbers that would not have been tolerated in any school system.

Wynne said Ontario wants to acknowledge "one of the most shameful chapters in Canadian history" and added that the province will teach a new generation of students the truth about our shared history.

Regional Chief Isadore Day, who also spoke during the special session in the legislature, talked about the "unspeakable abuse," the residential school survivors, their children and grandchildren have suffered.

Andrew Wesley, a survivor of the residential school system, told the politicians that it took a long time before he could speak about his pain.

"The old ones tell us that when we come into this world we're given one canoe and one paddle and as we travel the rivers of life, for many of us, the survivors, we got stuck in the rapids and we stayed there for many, many, many, many, many years before we start talking about the abuse," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CELEBRITY PRINCE HARRY PHOTOBOMBS T.O. MODEL

Through her time as a contestant on America's Next Top Model to her appearance in Beyoncé's visual album Lemonade, Toronto model Winnie Harlow has shared a screen with the likes of Tyra Banks and Queen Bey.

But on Saturday, she was unexpectedly joined in a photo by a member of British royalty.

According to The Telegraph, she and Prince Harry crossed paths at a charity polo match in Berkshire, England.

The model, who previously went by the name Chantelle Brown-Young, was sitting at a table with her agent for lunch, with the prince behind them.

In a photo posted to her Instagram page, Harlow is turned towards her agent while the prince relishes the opportunity for the perfect photobomb.

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Police urged to drop pot charges

Mitchell Cutler had just finished selling a THC-infused ointment to an arthritic woman — her "medicine" — when Toronto police showed up and charged him with possession for the purposes of trafficking.

"If these charges do stick I guess my future is pretty much over," said the marijuana dispensary worker, who says he has never been in trouble with police.

Cutler was at city hall Monday as part of a coalition of pot dispensaries urging the city to drop the charges laid by Toronto police during raids last Thursday.

Police and city municipal licensing officials targeted 43 locations last week, where 90 people were arrested. In all, 186 possession for the purpose of trafficking charges and 71 proceeds of crime charges were laid.

Even so, there was still pot being sold Monday in at least one storefront operation in Toronto.

"It's been busy all weekend," said Erin Goodwin, one of the managers of Cannabis Culture on Queen St. W. near Bathurst St.

"A lot of people lost their access so we're happy to provide."

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Hailing a summer launch

Aisha Addo's new ride-sharing service, DriveHer, will cater exclusively to women. The 25-year-old says too many women have been made to feel uncomfortable by the "inappropriate" behaviour of some male taxi drivers. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

RIDE-SHARING

Alternative taxi service exclusively caters to women

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A taxi service by and especially for women.

It's expected to be the latest entrant in Toronto's growing ride-sharing scene. Entrepreneur Aisha Addo has already enlisted 20 female drivers to work for DriveHer, and is hoping to launch the company this summer.

The service will resemble Uber, but both the driver and the client must be women.

Addo — who is the founder of the Power to Girls Foundation — believes women need an alternative to what she called the "inappropriate" behaviour of some male cab drivers.

"Girls are telling us they feel uncomfortable in cabs when they leave campus in the middle of the night," she said.

Addo, 25, said she's been in situations where she felt "trapped," unable to get out of the moving car and not willing to get into an argument.

"He's driving you in his car. Things could turn violent," she said, citing a recent incident where a woman reported being groped by a taxi driver.

Addo knows her new venture could stir some backlash, but insists the need to feel safe outweighs any "unfounded" criticism.

> **"All I want is to create a safe space for women."**
> Aisha Addo

"There's no segregation here. All I want is to create a safe space for women," she said.

Beck Taxi operations manager Kristine Hubbard said she believes taxis are safe for everyone, regardless of whether they're driven by a man or a woman.

"They just can't continue to hide behind the ride-sharing tag. They're vehicles for hire like any other taxi," she said. "Otherwise we always welcome competition. Come on in, and see you on the streets."

IN BRIEF

Elderly man dies after running himself over

An elderly man is dead after his vehicle hit a pole in the Silverthorn neighbourhood late Monday evening, said Toronto Police and paramedics. Police got a call about the accident at Ewart Ave. and Silverthorn Ave. at 5:30 p.m., initially saying someone might have fallen out of their vehicle. Paramedics said that the man — the vehicle's driver — ran himself over.

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Zoos can learn from Harambe

ANIMAL WELFARE

Gorilla's death a 'teachable' moment, says zoo regulator

The main regulatory body for Canada's zoos says the death of a gorilla in the United States should serve as a "teachable moment" for Canadian organizations.

Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums says it will be sending an advisory to its members reminding them to ensure its safety protocols are sound and able to protect staff and patrons.

Staff in Cincinnati shot and killed Harambe, a 17-year-old endangered lowland gorilla, after a four-year-old boy fell into its enclosure and was dragged by the animal.

There has been public outcry denouncing the zoo for killing the gorilla, but officials say the decision was necessary to avoid the risk of having the giant animal crush the boy by mistake.

CAZA executive director Massimo Bergamini says this is the time of year during which member zoos tend to review their systems, and the weekend tragedy is a timely reminder of why this is necessary.

A boy brings flowers to put beside a statue of a gorilla outside the shuttered Gorilla World exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden in Cincinnati on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He said such incidents are very rare in both Canada and the U.S., relative to the number of people that visit zoos each year.

Bergamini said all CAZA members must show top-of-the-line safety procedures as part of the accreditation process, adding Harambe's death is a sad reminder of how quickly accidents can happen.

"In addition to having policies and procedures in place, this involves holding regular emergency simulation exercises to ensure that in the event of an incident, trained Emergency Response Personnel are mobilized, know exactly what to do, and have the necessary equipment on hand as well as the authority to act," he said in a statement.

Bergamini said the staff in Cincinnati handled the situation exactly right, adding the decision to kill the gorilla likely spared a human life.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums shared his view, saying the weekend incident played out as it did due to planning and preparation for just such an event.

Spokesman Rob Vernon said the association's accreditation procedure requires members to conduct four safety drills a year and have a response plan in place for dangerous animals.

> **A magnificent gorilla dies because a zoo failed to make its barriers safe.**
> Piers Morgan, on Twitter

"I think that preparation is what you saw happen in Cincinnati where the zoo professionals were able to resolve the situation very quickly," Vernon said. "They have a top-notch staff there, and it showed yesterday during an unfortunate incident."

But others took a different view of the Cincinnati Zoo actions, questioning why a member of an endangered species had to be put down rather than tranquilized.

"It's so sad that a poor gorilla had to be shot dead because a woman couldn't look after her child and a zoo didn't have enough protection," wrote one Twitter user.

"Absolutely makes me weep with sadness. Poor #Harambe the #gorilla. Stupid parents, control your children!" wrote another. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELECTIONS ACT

Liberals will seek support

The Liberals say they will seek public support for any changes they decide to propose for Canada's electoral system.

But the threshold for that support, and how it will be achieved, remained unclear Monday as the Opposition Conservatives continued to demand that the question be put to a referendum.

"We're going to ensure the will of Canadians is behind whatever we put forward," said MP Mark Holland, parliamentary secretary to Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef.

Holland encouraged opposition MPs during question period to get their constituents involved in the reform process. "Help us to change the status quo, improve our system, modernize our electoral system and bring us into the 21st century."

Monsef told the Toronto Star the government won't go ahead with any changes without broad buy-in from voters.

"Canadians can rest assured that unless we have their broad buy-in, we're not moving forward with any changes," Monsef said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WILDFIRE

2,000 can't go home 'until September'

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley says up to 2,000 evacuees expecting to move back to their homes in fire-damaged Fort McMurray this week will not be able to do so until possibly September.

She says more than 500 homes and about a dozen apartment complexes that escaped a wildfire earlier this month in three otherwise heavily damaged neighbourhoods are not safe to be lived in yet.

She says that conclusion was reached with health experts following tests on air, soil, ash and water

"Unfortunately, I have to report today that the outcome of these tests indicates that undamaged homes in certain neighbourhoods are not immediately safe for reoccupation," Notley said Monday.

"More than 500 homes that were not damaged by fire have been determined to be unsafe for habitation at this time."

The premier says it's not safe to return until toxic ash and debris surrounding the homes have been removed. Residents will need to stay elsewhere until it is safe to go back.

Arrangement will be made for people from the affected homes to make a one-time visit.

"While these homes are not safe to live in until further remediation and cleanup of the neighbourhoods is complete, we believe it will be possible to arrange for these residents to temporarily return to inspect their residences and retrieve their belongings."

The Red Cross also announced Monday that it is releasing another $20 million from donations to everyone able to move back safely at this time.

Returnees are to receive $300 for the first person in a household and $50 for each additional person. The electronic transfer of cash is intended to help with immediate expenses such as buying cleaning supplies and replacing rotten food. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LEGISLATION

Pit bull Lucy crosses Ontario despite ban

Lucy the pit bull has made it across Ontario.

The dog and her family, among more than 80,000 residents evacuated after a wildfire spread into Fort McMurray, Alta., were stuck in Manitoba last week while trying to drive across the country to their home province of Prince Edward Island.

A law banning pit bulls in Ontario prevents the breed from even travelling through the province, and the family spent several days at a hotel in Brandon, Man., trying to figure out what to do.

Their predicament made headlines and resulted in an outpouring of support from other dog owners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Evacuees look on as the wildfire approaches Anzac. The community had to be evacuated in a rush. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

The man who saved an entire community

Return to FORT MAC

Anzac was considered safe, but it was overrun

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The fire that consumed Fort McMurray has often moved at breakneck speed, pushing into neighbourhoods and overwhelming firefighters. It has jumped fire breaks, crossed rivers and burned through areas considered safe.

Anzac, the tiny hamlet south of Fort McMurray had been a safe haven for evacuees, but in just a few hours on May 4, the community was nearly overrun.

When the community needed to exit in a hurry it was Dale Bendfeld, who made the call and evacuated 450 people in three hours.

Dale Bendfeld
METRO

For McMurray fire chief Darby Allen, has repeatedly rejected the label of hero for himself, but he was eager to label Bendfeld, the community's director of protective services, as one.

"We didn't think there was a fire in Anzac that night and we found out in a hurry that there was," said Allen at a news conference earlier this month.

Allen gives full credit to Bendfeld for getting people out of that community in time to avoid any loss of life.

"With a couple of people and a flashlight he evacuated 450 people in two hours, that is true heroism," said Allen.

Bendfeld, not surprisingly, downplays his role.

"It's not just me and this flashlight. It is about everybody coming together and getting people out," he said.

Bendfeld does agree with Allen that the fire's move toward Anzac caught people by surprise. The community is 50 kilometres from Fort McMurray and Bendfeld said he drove over just to discuss the possibility of an evacuation in the days ahead, but when he arrived he knew it couldn't wait.

"The whole horizon was nothing but smoke and flame," he said.

Bendfeld said they had to move past bringing in transit buses and getting all the resources they could to move 450 people.

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Building up an 'Iron Dome against hatred'

HAND IN HAND

School brings together Israeli and Palestinian children

Hand in Hand runs six schools, boasting some 1,320 Jewish and Arab Israeli students. CONTRIBUTED

The news from Israel is often bad: attacks on Jews by young Palestinians and reprisals by Israeli forces. Expanding settlements in the West Bank. Escalating fear and hostility. Plummeting prospects for peace.

But a group of dedicated educators is working to bring the two sides together — not at the bargaining table, but in the school room.

"We're giving hope where leaders have failed," says Mohamad Marzouk, director of the community department for the bilingual and bicultural Hand in Hand schools.

"A kindergarten child goes to an Arabic or Hebrew school and never experiences the existence of children on the other side. This ignorance of the other creates mistrust and fear," he says.

Marzouk and Rebecca Bardach, Hand in Hand's director of resource development and strategy, are in Toronto on a tour.

"Hand in Hand is my Iron Dome against hatred," says Bardach, referring to Israel's missile defence system. "I can't change what is happening politically, or the minds of people who hate each other. But I believe we can overcome that sense of helplessness with understanding."

Hand in Hand, boasting some 1,320 Jewish and Arab Israeli students, and a lengthy waiting list, was founded in 1998 with one school in Jerusalem. It has now expanded to six.

The security wall between Israel and the Palestinian territories is physically and psychologically divisive, says Bardach. But the two separate language streams of the Israeli school system are a "huge contributing factor" to mutual misunderstanding between Jews and Arab Israelis.

"Children aren't growing up learning about differences, what we have in common and building common ground," she says.

Not so in Hand in Hand schools, where children are taught by Hebrew and Arabic-speaking teachers.

They partner with children who speak the other language, and study together. They also learn the missing links in mainstream curriculums — the other's religion, culture, food, daily life and history. Elements that allow them to see their counterparts as fellow humans rather than enemies. Outside the classroom they play together, picnic together and celebrate each other's holidays. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EQUALITY

Trans teens fearful amid bathroom wars

When Lucas Rixon has to go to the bathroom, the guys know what to do. They come with him, no questions asked.

Sometimes they enter the facilities too. Sometimes they stand sentry at the door. At any public place in Greenville, N.C., two or three straight cisgender teenagers turn into bodyguards for their transgender buddy.

"Because they're terrified for me," Rixon, 17, said over the phone. "And I'm terrified for myself." He has felt particularly endangered since March. That's when his trips to the toilet became the subject of a state uproar and then a national uproar.

Communities across America are suddenly in the grips of emotional battles over whether transgender people, especially students, should be allowed to use bathrooms that match their gender identity. Once a little-noticed sideshow to seismic fights over gay and lesbian rights, the bathroom wars have sprung to the fore as other disputes have faded and transgender advocates have become more visible and more vocal.

Social conservatives have lost clash after clash during the Obama era. In school bathrooms, they have found an issue on which they can win. At least temporarily.

A gender neutral sign is posted outside a bathroom in Durham, N.C., on May 11. GETTY IMAGES

Acceptance of transgender people lags far behind acceptance of gays and lesbians. Polls suggest a slight plurality of Americans, about 45 per cent, thinks people should be forced to use the bathroom corresponding to their sex on their birth certificate.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

ON THE TORIES' NEW POLICY DIRECTION

The low support for banning gay marriage underlines two facts: Most Canadians, even the religious, appear to have moved on. And yet, a sizable portion refuse to.

I think it's safe to say people generally find other people confounding, perhaps especially their beliefs. Relevant to today: the belief that same-sex marriage is wrong.

This weekend, watching Conservatives celebrate their party's move towards the Canadian consensus on same-sex marriage felt like time travel. It'd been so long since anyone seriously debated it that I hardly remembered an anti-same-sex-marriage stance was still in their party platform. The apparently dramatic, emotional vote during the Conservative's Vancouver convention led to many odd questions. Hadn't we settled this a decade ago, both through numerous court rulings and the passage of the Civil Marriage Act? And hadn't that been too long in coming as it was? So how could such a move, then, bring some to tears?

Fully 70 per cent of Canadians support same-sex marriage, according to a 2015 Forum Research poll, while only 22 per cent disapprove. That's less than the number of Catholics in the country (38.7 per cent of the population), never mind the myriad of other faiths that may traditionally object to LGBTQ rights. The low support for banning gay marriage underlines two facts, one hopeful, and one troubling: Most Canadians, even the religious, appear to have moved on. And yet, a sizable portion refuse to.

PIVOT POINT A delegate wears a lesbian and gay Tory button at the Conservative Party of Canada convention in Vancouver on Saturday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Those are the people like MP Brad Trost, who has made a name for himself by opposing the new position at the convention. He dubbed it an effort to turn the Conservative Party into "Liberal light."

Last year, a National Post story wondered about the future direction of the party with the political capital of social conservatism "seemingly spent." The article suggested that instead of taking now widespread practices, like abortion or same-sex marriage, head-on in the courts or the House of Commons, conservatives were going to fiddle at the edges and work in "churches, charities and other civil institutions where they hope to shift the culture from within."

As we've seen in the U.S., working at the fringes can be extremely successful. Abortion services are being wiped from the south not through official anti-abortion policies, but through activism that has the same net effect.

And so, while I wanted to be deeply offended that Conservatives could congratulate themselves so heartily at being 10 years late to recognizing the rights of some Canadians, I find myself instead fostering a sense of wary support.

This surely is a sign of change among some, and that is good. But what of the hardline holdouts, those 22 per cent of Canadians who still opposed gay marriage? For them, this isn't over yet.

A few more politicians aren't going to kill us

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott

Before he and his executive committee voted last week to send a report on new Toronto ward boundaries off for more consultant tinkering — it'll come back in October for further consideration — Mayor John Tory reiterated his belief that people don't want to see any more politicians at city hall.

"I have yet to meet my first person — except for perhaps in this building — who wants to add any politicians to any level of government anywhere," he said at the meeting last Tuesday.

Well, huh. Tory and I have met, but we've never talked about this specific issue. So let me put it on the record: Hey, Mr. Mayor, I'm Matt, and I'd be OK with seeing more politicians at city hall.

That doesn't mean I love the idea of more politicians politicking it up political-style all the damn time. It's just that there are way more important things to consider during this process of redrawing the city's political boundaries than the number of municipal politicians Toronto hanging out in the council chamber.

The most important? Representation.

The reason Toronto is changing its ward boundaries is because the status quo is based on old data, which means Toronto's largest ward has almost twice as many people as the smallest. Downtown, where population growth is explosive, has three of the most populous wards.

The status quo means some voices count for less.

The ward boundary review recommends moving from the current 44 wards quo to new 47. Downtown would get three new wards, while boundaries elsewhere would be adjusted to eliminate one ward west of downtown and another in the north.

Minor tweaks, sure, but the ramifications are big. Right now, downtown city councillors are routinely outvoted by their suburban counterparts, but the votes — on committee and at council — are often tight. The vote to maintain the elevated Gardiner Expressway east, for example, was decided by a margin of just three votes.

New downtown voices on council could mean more outcomes that benefit downtown. And — this is the best part — those outcomes would be more in tune with the will of the people, because the ward boundaries would more fairly represent population.

If it takes adding a few more councillors to achieve that, I won't complain.

Tory isn't blind to this issue. Last week, he suggested the 44-ward status quo could be adjusted for more equal representation. I'm skeptical, but it's worth a look.

Either way, the mayor will need to get over his preoccupation with the number of politicians at city hall. Numbers are numbers — representation counts for more.

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Cyber creeping: A gift and curse

PERSONAL ESSAY

A breakup calls for a social media detox but at what cost?

Ofelia Legaspi
For Torstar News Service

For one week, I quit cyber-creeping.

Fine, I'll back up a step. Let it be permanently known, in the annals of the easily searchable Internet, I once, out of youthful indiscretion, "creeped" the World Wide Web.

To me, this was never an issue. I see Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as an ecosystem of mutually nourishing connections. Memes give my mundane Mondays meaning. I can feel less guilty about not checking in with family for weeks at a time because they at least know I'm eating well from the looks of my Instagrammed salad. Social media is a beautiful thing — but, one day, I wanted nothing to do with it.

It all started when, five days before moving in with my boyfriend, he and I called it quits. Naturally, it happened at a wedding (open bar, vows encompassing one's lifetime).

My ex belongs to a curious sector of millennials who don't have Facebook. Instead, he opts for Twitter. Over the course of our relationship, I couldn't help but read into his tweets, feeling there were "subtweets" about our arguments. To add insult to injury, I scrutinized every person he followed, wondering if they were someone a respectable professional and/or committed man would follow.

I could have asked him, sure. But because I covertly obtained this information, I feared bringing it up lest I be accused (quite accurately) of creeping.

And so, after our breakup, I knew what I had to do: block him on Twitter.

The medium, for me, was like having a superpower and, like many gifted fictional characters, I had come to learn this gift could be a curse. For once, I didn't want to know what was on my ex-boyfriend's mind, or comb through our tweets from better times. I just wanted to heal without the 140-character assault of nostalgia eroding what flimsy progress I made.

And, by kicking the creeping, I realized that many of the misunderstandings in our relationship had been because of the knowledge, however unreliable, I'd gleaned from his tweets — knowledge I'd burdened myself with. Instead of coming to me, he would take to Twitter. Instead of coming to him, I would parse his tweets for subtext. Our lack of communication and the passive-aggressive way we had dealt with our frustrations had rendered our relationship doomed from the start.

However, in taking this one-week no-creeping experiment further, I had avoided not only my ex, but also the social media accounts of friends. And I did miss the multimedia experience of connecting with people who I didn't wish to quit: the illustrated updates of my friends' meals ("I've perfected the triberry smoothie!"), Soundcloud links to someone's hour-long take on The Hateful Eight and photos of my proliferating clan's pink little newborns.

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Ofelia Legaspi

Cyber-creeping isn't always a pleasant journey, but it is always life-affirming. Without lifelines like my lifestyle bible, Instagram, I found it hard to launch my butt from bed to barbell bench because I felt alone in my struggles to be healthier. I found that I mostly creep to get out of my head and affirm my shared journeys with others.

My colleague suggested something curious and a bit extreme that I want to leave you with: have a mutual agreement with your partner to block each other's social media accounts. It's an insane idea.

And it just might be crazy enough to work.

Ofelia Legaspi says many of the misunderstandings in her failed relationship stemmed from her social media creeping. Now wiser, she proposes having a mutual agreement to block your partner on social media. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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RESEARCH

Study finds mother's fruit consumption linked to higher IQs in babies

A Canadian study, published in the journal EbioMedicine, has found that women who ate more fruit during pregnancy had children with higher IQs at one year old.

In a recent study, Canadian researchers from the University of Alberta found that one of the factors contributing to improved cognitive development in children was the amount of fruit their mothers ate during pregnancy.

The scientists studied 688 one-year-old babies, who were controlled for factors otherwise affecting their learning and development, such as family income and parental education.

They found that the mothers who ate six to seven portions of fruit per day — including juices — had children with IQs six or seven points higher on the standard scale at one year old.

"We know that the longer a child is in the womb, the further they develop — and having one more serving of fruit per day in a mother's diet provides her baby with the same benefit as being born a whole week later," explains Dr. Mandhane, the study's senior author. In spite of their discovery, the researchers warn pregnant women against going overboard on fruit, which contains fructose, as this can lead to complications such as gestational diabetes and high birthweight.

These initial findings will be followed up by more research, investigating whether the positive effects of fruit consumption on cognitive development persist in children over time. The scientists also plan to study the impact of fruit consumption on cognitive functions such as planning, organizing and working memory.
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Improved cognitive development in children has been linked to how much fruit their mothers consume while pregnant.
ISTOCK

If your friends take risks, you will too

RESEARCH

Peer pressure very real when it comes to thrill seeking

Why do we sometimes take big risks — like skydiving or moving across the country — and other times play it safe? It could be thanks to our peers, suggests research from the California Institute of Technology that looks at the potentially "contagious" nature of risk taking.

The study looked at how 24 volunteers responded when asked to choose between taking $10 and making a risky gamble with a potentially higher payoff and found that, when the volunteers had previously watched a risk-taking peer, they were more likely to make the risky gamble themselves.

The findings reveal how passively observing others can influence someone's risk-taking behaviour, says Shinsuke Suzuki, a post-doctoral scholar in neuroscience and first author of the study.

So why the contagious effect? It might be because our neural response to risk is changed by watching others, Suzuki says, but it's an open question as to what psychological factors are driving it.

It's worth keeping in mind that this study is small, and it doesn't mean we're totally hardwired to mimic daredevil friends. Still, it does line up with research out of Temple University in Philadelphia, which found people sometimes take more risks when they're around their peers, particularly in their younger years — which probably comes as no surprise to anyone who knows a teenager.

Cognitive psychologist Andreas Wilke, an associate professor at Clarkson University in New York, says modern risk-taking research shows people might be willing to take risks in one area, but not another. In the presence of their friends, men are also more likely to take risks, Wilke notes, and single guys are more likely to make risky moves than coupled-up men. "When heterosexual males are given the opportunity to take risks, they like to advertise potential skills and fitness benefits to others, saying, 'Ladies, I might be a good potential partner to mate with,'" he says.

Ottawa resident Robyn Baldwin, left, is a self-described adrenalin junkie, and says her risky-but-fun pursuits are often done with friends. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Our collective desire to take risks stems from humanity being a highly social species. "I might take a risk to impress someone, ... but my judgment of a risk, I might take from my social circle," Wilke explains.

Even something terror-inducing — like bungee jumping or sky diving — might not seem so scary when we're surrounded by peers. "If I see all my close friends get a total joy out of that, I might be more willing to join in," Wilke says.

Of course, there can be a downside since risks, Wilke notes, can be potentially dangerous or even deadly. But we're a highly social species, so the good news is taking risks with friends or loved ones can bring us closer together. "Friendships might be strengthened," Wilke says.

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DIVING IN

Pals who skydive together stay together

Ottawa resident Robyn Baldwin is a self-described alpha female and adrenalin junkie, and says her risky-but-fun pursuits — like bungee jumping and zip-lining — are often done with friends.

Last year, alongside a close high school friend and his girlfriend, Baldwin went skydiving for the first time at Skydive Toronto, and says the experience was emotional but "amazingly fun." Taking the plunge was her idea, she says, and she would've gone alone if needed.

Still, Baldwin says risk-taking with friends encourages her to try things she might not be comfortable to do on her own. "It creates more active friendships," she says.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The one big question of Game of Homes

THE SHOW: Game of Homes, Season 2, Episode 2
THE MOMENT: The kitchen fight

With the clock ticking, proudly Italian best friends Dom and Michael argue about wainscoting. "Do you want it centered to the window?" Dom, the little one, asks.

"Measure the space!" Michael, the tall one, barks.

"So you want it centered to the wall?" Dom asks.

"I want you to do it right!" Michael yells (among other colorful phrases, which are bleeped).

"Talk English, ya f—ing bird!" Dom shouts. "Do it yourself!"

"At least I'll do a good job!" Michael hollers.

Tyler, teamed with his fiancée, Courtney, overhears them. "This is what this will do to you," he says.

"You care so much, you freak out."

Yes, Tyler, exactly. The sum total of thinking here — four teams renovate a house; the winning duo gets it — is this: Give people stressful time limits, then watch them stress.

Who wants a house built in too little time by exhausted amateurs, asks Johanna Schneller. CONTRIBUTED

It sure doesn't teach me how to renovate properly; experts help behind the scenes. It doesn't show me how to critique taste: No matter who wins, the others spout, "The judges are wrong."

As with all reality shows, the appeal is the characters: You root for the team you decide to like. Here you can decide immediately, because there's no character development. Do you feel bad for Alex, the only skilled workman, and his helpless mum Shelley? Do you enjoy Dom and Michael's chippiness? Kim and Harry's over-ambition? Do you care if Tyler comforts Courtney when she cries?

No one, however, asks the question that's plaguing me: Who wants a house built in too little time by exhausted amateurs?

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Spanish basketballer Pau Gasol is considering not playing at the Olympics because of the Zika virus

Ball now in Ujiri's court

RAPTORS
OFF-SEASON BEGINS

GM tasked with bringing DeRozan and Biyombo back

The Toronto Raptors' season — a delightfully long and somewhat unexpected romp to the NBA's Eastern Conference final — wasn't over an hour and there stood Masai Ujiri in the cacophonous bowels of the Air Canada Centre.

He was, of course, bitterly disappointed at what had just transpired, the Cleveland Cavaliers were celebrating just down the hall, the Raptors were lamenting the end of a magical season but, still, there was the teeniest amount of excitement in Ujiri's voice.

"Now I get to do my job," he said amid the din and the people and the emotion. "Make our team better."

It will be easier said than done, the realities of life in the NBA will mean it will take some ingenuity, some good fortune, some compliance from players and agents but it's the job the president and general manage is richly rewarded to do and he will not shy from it.

"It's our job, we have to figure it out," he said during a wide-ranging, end-of-the-season session with the media Monday.

The pressing issues are obvious and have been for the entire season and are now in much sharper focus since the year ended after a long playoff run that left everyone thirsting for just a little bit more.

Both DeMar DeRozan and Bismack Biyombo are going to be free agents in July, DeRozan will command a maximum-value contract starting at somewhere near $25 million and Biyombo should quintuple the $3 million or so he just earned.

Both have said they want to stay — Biyombo went as far as to say on Toronto radio he'd take a hometown discount to stick around but that's before any numbers were floated or his agents got to him — and Ujiri knows the team would be better if they both were back.

Still ...

"I don't know how possible that is, but it's our jobs to figure it out, we were brought here to do that," Ujiri said.

"Some things are more difficult than others. To me, the approach is, our guys have said they want to be here .. That's the first step. It's put on my table and the guys in the front office to figure it out."

Everyone will have to wait until July to see if there's enough creativity in the front office to make it work or to see if Ujiri can pull off one of several moves to make it easier.

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Free-agents-to-be DeMar DeRozan, left, and Bismack Biyombo have both said they'd like to return to Toronto.

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

That's very easy for us to figure out. That will be done in our sleep, I think.

Masai Ujiri said negotiating a new contract with coach Dwane Casey is a top priority

NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs united as ever

As they jumped around the locker-room dousing each other with ice water and howling after earning their second straight trip to the NBA Finals, the Cavaliers were one.

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For months, that wasn't the case.

Underperforming despite a trio of superstars and one of the league's deepest rosters, the Cavs were imploding before a late-night meeting in New York helped save their season.

Tyronn Lue GETTY IMAGES

In the hours after a disappointing 104-95 loss to Brooklyn on March 25, the Cavs gathered in their Manhattan hotel and cleared the air.

"Once we had that meeting, I just think the team understood what we needed from each other to win — if we wanted to win," coach Tyronn Lue said Monday. "And I give them credit. They bought into it and you've seen the results of it."

The united Cavs have gone 12-2 in this post-season, but if not for that after-hours talk they had in March, Cleveland's title run may have ended weeks ago. LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love each expressed their feelings during the meeting and tension gave way to togetherness.

"I just think the Big Three sitting down and getting on the same page of understanding what they need from each other on a nightly basis and understanding that they have to trust each other and also trust the team," Lue said. "We had that talk in front of everyone and everyone kind of gave their opinion and kind of talked about what they expected and what we needed to do better.

"From that day on, we kind of took off and we became a better team." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Go to metronews.ca to see who the Cavaliers will play in the Finals.

MLB

Goins, Estrada lead Jays over Yankees

Shortstop Ryan Goins had a double and a home run to back a solid performance by starting pitcher Marco Estrada as the Toronto Blue Jays topped the New York Yankees 4-2 on Monday night.

Edwin Encarnacion had a double and two runs batted in for Toronto (27-26). Estrada (3-2) pitched eight scoreless innings, giving up three hits and striking out six. Aaron Loup started the ninth on the mound for the Blue Jays, but gave up a two-run homer, with Drew Storen coming on to close out the game and earning the save.

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Marco Estrada GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Harvey dominant as Mets edge White Sox

Matt Harvey rediscovered his form with seven dominant innings of two-hit ball, Neil Walker homered off Jose Quintana, and the New York Mets beat Chicago 1-0 Monday to send the reeling White Sox to their seventh straight loss.

Harvey, who was booed off of his home field two weeks ago after a horrible outing, struck out six to win for the first time since May 8. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOCKEY

Expenses divide NHL and Olympics

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said NHL participation in the next Olympics would likely hinge on money.

In his annual state of the union address at the Stanley Cup final, Bettman said the league and NHL Players' Association might have to reconsider their participation in the Olympics if the International Olympic Committee went ahead with its threat of not paying out-of-pocket expenses for NHL players.

EXPANSION
Bettman said the NHL's Board of Governors would meet in Las Vegas prior to June 22 NHL awards with a decision on expansion.

"Among the various things that have to be covered, whether it's transportation or insurance or accommodation, it's many, many, many millions of dollars," Bettman said.

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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY PAYET PICKS UP HOSTS
Dmitri Payet is chased down by his French teammates after the midfielder scored the decisive goal in the 90th minute of a 3-2 win over Cameroon on Monday in Nantes, France. The 2016 Euros start June 10 in France. DAVID VINCENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TFC hope for good news

SOCCER

MRI result on Giovinco injury could colour Reds' summer

Star attacker Sebastian Giovinco had an MRI Monday with Toronto FC hopeful the Italian will soon be back.

"There's no indication there'd be anything long term. The question, I think, is whether he will or won't be available for (Wednesday)," coach Greg Vanney said before practice Monday evening at BMO Field.

The 29-year-old Italian did not train Monday and Wednesday night's Amway Canadian Championship game against the visiting Montreal Impact would seem an improbable comeback despite an optimistic Giovinco saying he felt good.

Toronto does not need to rush him back with its next league game not until June 18 against the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Giovinco exited in the 22nd minute of Saturday's 3-0 loss at the New York Red Bulls. It seemed a non-contact injury with Giovinco gesturing to the bench for a substitution and pulling off the captain's armband.

"In talking to him, he feels like he got out before he felt like there was too much (damage) there sustained," said Vanney. "We'll find out when we get the read (of the MRI). That will be the telling thing for us."

Sebastian Giovinco THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Results from the MRI were expected later Monday. The early word on the weekend was an adductor injury.

Giovinco is key to the Toronto offence, especially with fellow striker Jozy Altidore out with a hamstring injury. The Italian has been directly involved in 13 of Toronto's 14 goals this season, scoring eight and assisting on five.

If an injury had to happen, now is not such a bad time. The MLS is taking a break during the European Championship and Copa America.

Still Vanney said the club wants to perform well in the Canadian Championship, whose winner advances to the CONCACAF Champions League.

"We value this event and we're planning accordingly. But we also understand the risk of (playing) certain guys and not pushing guys who aren't going to be ready to go."

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RECIPE Best Fish Sandwich

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

If the crunchy fish in this sandwich weren't so good I'd say it's all an excuse for its seriously addictive spicy mayo.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 Tilapia filets
- 1/4 cup corn meal
- salt and pepper
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 4 buns
- 4 romaine leaves, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, sliced
- 1/2 cup mayonaise
- 1 Tbsp ketchup
- 3 tsp Sriracha

Directions

1. Spread corn meal evenly on a plate and toss in salt and pepper, chili powder and parseley until it's all combined. Spread the mixture evenly on a plate. Press the fish into the corn meal and turn over, press the other side into the corn meal.

2. In a good sized pan, heat some vegetable oil to medium heat. Place your fish down in the pan. It will take about 5 minutes on the first side and only about 3 on the other.

3. While your fish is cooking, mix up your mayo, ketchup and hot sauce in a small bowl.

4. Check your fish. The corn meal will be crusty and the fish should be opaque. Break your fish into large pieces. Slice open your buns and spread mayo on each side. Place your chopped lettuce down, then fish, then tomato.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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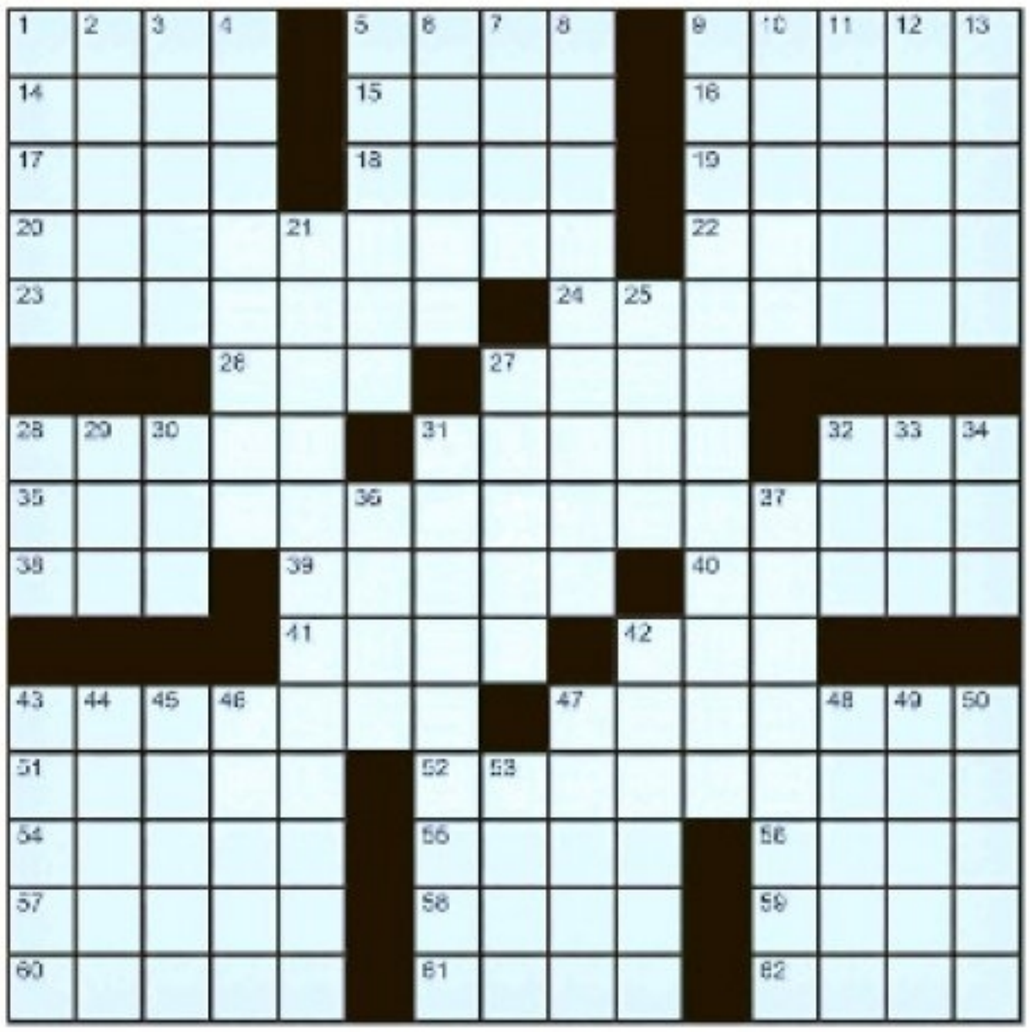

ACROSS
1. Q. "_ '_' a way to abbreviate Anchorage's state?" A. "Indeed."
5. Music key, _ _.
9. Switchblades
14. Rib or tibia
15. Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony
16. 'Don't play' musical direction
17. Live _ (Rustic wooden table feature)
18. Literary collection [abbr.]
19. Dior perfume, J'_
20. With-a-bowl utensil
22. Jumpy
23. Kleenexes
24. Underwater chamber in bridge construction
26. #49-Down's frequent co-star ...her initials-sharers
27. Tee-er's averages
28. "M*A*S*H" role, Lieutenant Colonel _
31. Biblical measure of length
32. Welcome _
35. Ottawa is the hub of it: 2 wds.
38. It's 'in'
39. Short-tailed weasel
40. Boston's NBA team, commonly
41. Chuck
42. Photo
43. Alter the mould
47. Overdoes it with showing off
51. Survey answer selection
52. Medieval armour: 2 wds.
54. Get _ _ of (Contact)
55. _ _ grievance (Complain)
56. 'Sound'-meaning prefix
57. Big cat in "Ice Age: The Meltdown" (2006)
58. _' Ted (Mr. Cruz to Donald Trump)
59. Internet pub.
60. "Vamoose!"
61. '_ and Found'
62. Unappreciative utterance

DOWN
1. "_ _ be goin' now."
2. "Me too.": 3 wds.
3. AC/DC lead guitarist Mr. Young
4. Memento
5. Curtains
6. Vintage music LPs
7. 9:00_ _ _5:00pm (Office hours)
8. Explorer who voyaged to the East Coast via The Matthew: 2 wds.
9. 2016 Census: Wayne R. Smith, Chief _ of Canada
10. Devil's domicile
11. Showbiz legends
12. Left-hand page
13. Alexander _, Winnipeg-born hockey star
21. Level of fame achieved by Celine Dion
25. Seed covering
27. Transformation-stage insects
28. Texter's good chum
29. Ms. Michele
30. Sum up
31. Reason to say "Just made it.": 2 wds.
32. Rich money amt.
33. Play's scenes grouping
34. Writer Mr. Eliot, et al.
36. On
37. Legendary Chief of the Shawnee who allied with Britain during the War of 1812
42. Flexible
43. Routes
44. Moral principle
45. Horse hoof handler
46. Honi's comic strip mother
47. Anna of "Brokeback Mountain" (2005)
48. Ruth's mother-in-law in the Old Testament
49. Ms. Fey's
50. Trudges
53. "_-_, Silver! ("The Lone Ranger" opening exclamation)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
It's a good day to make long-range plans for the future. It's also a great day to schmooze with siblings, relatives and neighbors.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might work alone or behind the scenes today to do some financial planning regarding inheritances and shared property. This is a good money day for you!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Enjoy interacting with others today, because everyone feels friendly. Partners and close friends are supportive to your goals now, which is reassuring.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Personal details about your private life might be made public today. No worries; everything looks positive. You make a great impression on bosses and VIPs today.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you can travel today, you will enjoy it, because you want a change of scenery. Grab any opportunity to educate children today; this, too, will be rewarding.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will make headway today with shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt. You might see a way to better secure your home and family. Bosses and VIPs will go along with what you want.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have to compromise somewhat dealing with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Fortunately, everyone will be cooperative!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are industrious and productive today because you want to get better organized. In particular, you want to be more on top of bills, expenses and your financial scene.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a playful, fun-loving day! Take time out of your day to have some fun. Enjoy sports events, social outings and time spent with children. Someone older might help you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Assistance from someone might help you to entertain people at home today. Either way, you can do something that will solidify or secure your home base in a nice way.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a great day to make some long-range plans and have serious discussions with siblings, relatives and neighbors. It's a good day to plan a future social outing.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Look for ways to boost your income today, because you might do this. Whatever you do will impress bosses, parents and people in power. Looking good.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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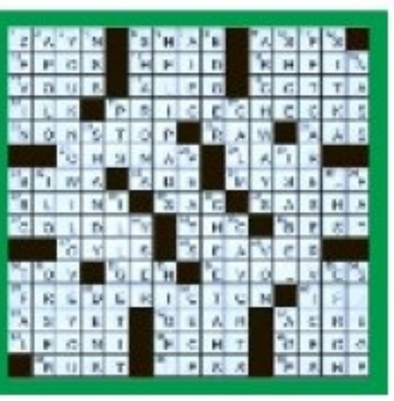

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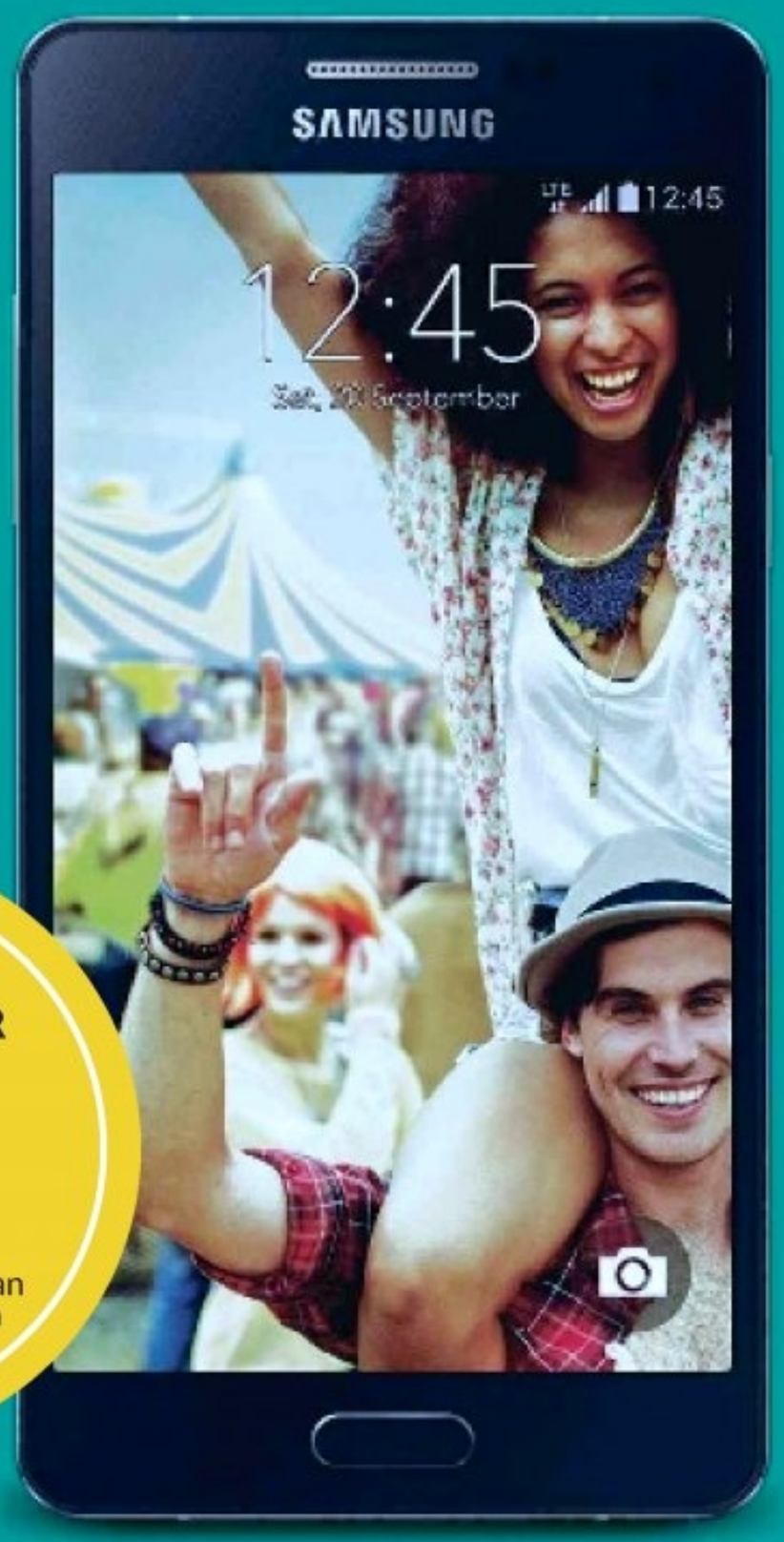

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